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## Statement from Mayor Emanuel on the Chinese New Year Celebration

"Chicago's Chinese community holds an undeniable place in our city's history and culture. The celebration of the Chinese New Year presents a special opportunity for all Chicagoans to take part in a great tradition as well as a greater cultural exchange. The City of Chicago is committed to strengthening our economic and educational ties. Whether it is marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our unique Sister Cities relationship with Shanghai and Shenyang or collaborating with the Ministry of Culture to promote tourism and cultural cooperation, Chicago and China look toward a bright future as mutual ambassadors. I am proud to wish the Chinese community in Chicago and across the world great health, happiness, and prosperity in the Year of the Monkey."

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